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## Con-grad-ulations

Kate Walker was awarded the principal all-round student award. She is pictured with principal Mike Gervais and vice principal, Michelle Kernohan, at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School grad June 24. ASES kicked off this week's grads ceremonies. See our grad section in the July 4 Highlander. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## Residents rock the boat over Kash wakes

By Mike Baker

Lake Kashagawigamog resident Lance Payne is fed up with not being able to safely access the water from his private dock during daytime hours throughout the summer.

He was one of four delegates pleading with Dysart et al council June 25 to implement rules limiting the impact of boat wakes on

the Lake Kash chain. He was joined by Lake Kashagawigamog Organization president Wendy Hampson, Dr. Timothy James, and Silver Beach resident Dave Tranter, who said they've been dealing with the issue for two years.

It started, they say, when Haliburton Hockey Haven, a local youth camp, started

offering wakeboarding on Lake Kash in 2022.

"They run two wake boats continuously for six hours daily, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (breaking for lunch) every weekday in July and August. This is not allowing property owners to engage in safe water-related activities in a fair or equitable manner,"

Payne said. "We also have concerns about ecological damage in the future."

Payne said the boats regularly send waves up to three-feet high careening towards the shore.

"It's dangerous – people feel like they can't go swimming, they can't go out in kayaks or

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# Councillors confident about compromise

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canoes. It's impossible to sit on the deck without being thrown around," Payne added. "The objective is not to remove wake boats from this lake, it's to look at a more equitable use in sharing the water."

Tranter said the Silver Beach community is up in arms, too. He estimates their association has spent approximately \$50,000 repairing docks and other equipment by the water due to excessive wakes over the past two years.

He said this was about more than money, however.

"It's not safe down by the water when these boats are running – one of our residents fell between their dock and boat last year after a wake," Tranter said. "I want council's support to come up with a reasonable solution to this, because it has to stop."

Hampson said LKO administration met with Troy Binnie, who owns Haliburton Hockey Haven, June 4 to see if they could work out any issues. She said they spent two years trying to organize a meeting, and while she was thankful for the opportunity to connect, the two parties left without an arrangement.

Binnie said he was unaware the issue was before council, telling *The Highlander*, "I realize there are a lot of wakeboard boats or similar in the 22-mile chain of lakes we are on, but I do know our drivers have been trained to respect and protect our lake and our campers, with safety being our top priority."

He added that all Hockey Haven boats are equipped with front and rear dash cams to ensure the training and safety of campers is "constantly recorded and reviewed so we can make sure our staff are following the federal

boating guidelines, as well as those around us."

James, a scientist who works in ecological conservation, said as dangerous as these wakes are for people, they're worse for the environment.

"Without question, there's evidence to support citizen observations of shoreline damage, changes to lake ecology and water quality... a new and significant physical stressor [has been added] to our lake system. When you add a new stressor like this, the system responds. It's this response that's the cause of concern," James said.

He noted the County's lakes are "pristine" but due to the delicate balance of nutrients in the water, he's afraid the wakes could skew things and lead to the formation of algae and growth of weeds in the water.

"Unfortunately, one of the best ways to introduce unwanted nutrients like phosphorous into the water is by eroding our shorelines and stirring up underwater sediments... this can happen naturally, but the relationship between wake size and its power is exponential. A small increase in wake size means a really big increase in what it can erode," James said, noting the waves created by wakeboarding on Lake Kash are up to 17 times stronger than natural waves.

James said the wakes are likely impacting fish and other wildlife native to Lake Kash, and the use of larger boats, like those used for wakeboarding, increases the risk of introducing invasive species to the system.

Payne said he'd like to see Dysart connect with Transport Canada to establish Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations (VORR) on Lake Kash. He said the deadline for new applications for summer 2025 is Aug. 15.

Deputy mayor Walt McKechnie said he

wasn't in favour of going that route - yet. McKechnie said he spoke with Binnie this week, who, he claims, has agreed to a compromise – reducing the sound of music on one boat he'll maintain on Little Kash, and moving the second boat to Big Kash "a few days of the week." McKechnie believes the township should focus on educating people rather than jumping straight to enforcement.

"Bringing in VORR is not the right answer... I'd like to see us communicating with all lake associations to let the people know about the respect they should have for

our lakes and shorelines," McKechnie said.

Coun. Nancy Wood-Roberts said she spent time on Lake Kash last summer and said the boats were "very noisy" and the large wakes made it impossible for people to access the water, especially with children.

Ward 1 coun. Pat Casey said the township should work with Hockey Haven to ensure they're following through with the proposed compromise and see what impact, if any, that has. If the issue remains, council can discuss more stringent measures.

"We're trying to come up with something that is workable for everyone," Casey said.



Silver Beach resident Dave Tranter and Wendy Hampson of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization want Dysart et al council to take action on boat wakes. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

## Rain damages Forest roads and trails

The Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve says they were "slammed with an incredible amount of rain," this past weekend, which has caused significant damage to their roadways - and possibly trails across their 100,000 acres.

As of 5:30 p.m., June 24, they reported flooding due to peak storm water runoff in a number of areas. They are advising that some of these areas can be driven with a truck, but not a car, others are passable with care, and others not at all.

The Forest also reported a number of washouts, including a major one near the picnic spot at the northwest corner of the lake, and deemed impassable.

They also advised of "numerous locations where roadsides have washed out at culverts. Caution must be taken as not all are marked."

The Forest added, "there may be places we don't know of yet. Please send reports of road and trail issues to reservations@haliburtonforest.com, phone 800-631-2198 or come into the office.

"Storm water levels should start to recede

in the coming hours and days allowing for safe passage throughout the forest. The roads crew is mobilizing equipment to deal with washouts, balancing the needs of Forest experiences and Forest products."

Canopy tours are not affected at this time. Some overnight campsites may be a bit rougher than usual but they hope to have things cleaned up by the weekend. (Lisa Gervais).

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# P4P buys eight-plex in Haliburton village

By Mike Baker

Affordable housing advocate Places for People (P4P) has added another property to its inventory this month, purchasing an eight-unit rental in Haliburton village.

Sue Tromanhauser, P4P president, announced the news June 25, saying the non-profit closed a \$1 million deal for 104 Highland St. in May. It's the second purchase the group has made in as many years, following the 2022 deal for a five-plex in Carnarvon.

"Haliburton County has traditionally vied with Manitoulin Island for the dubious distinction of being the poorest jurisdiction in Ontario, according to Statistics Canada," Tromanhauser said. "This acquisition is P4P's latest progress in ensuring the availability of housing people who live and work here can afford."

Tromanhauser confirmed all existing tenants will remain.

The deal means P4P now owns and manages six properties across the County, comprising 20 residential units. The new location also comes with a commercial component, opening a new potential revenue stream for the non-profit, while there's space behind the existing buildings that could be ripe for further development, Tromanhauser said.

She noted the successful community bond

initiative P4P held last summer, which raised \$850,000, helped the organization complete the purchase. Loans were secured through Haliburton County Development Corporation and Kawartha Credit Union – making this the first time a mainstream bank has invested in P4P.

"We're becoming known across the County and further abroad as a leader in how to move the needle on making housing a priority for everyone," Tromanhauser said.

Since 2007, the non-profit has housed more than 100 people in the Highlands – 32 families, including 47 adults and 56 children.

Dysart et al coun. Pat Casey was instrumental in the deal. The previous owner of the property, he agreed to sell to P4P under market value without listing it or taking other offers.

Casey, who owns Casey's Water Well and Total Site Solutions, said he wanted to ensure existing tenants were maintained and well taken care of in any deal. He lauded P4P for its work offering affordable rents to people who live and work in the County.

"People should not have to worry about where they will sleep tonight and they should have the ability to be self-sufficient and contribute to their community," Casey said. "Times are tight right now and for me, corporately and personally, if we do have some money to spread around to help



Jody Curry, past president, and Pat Casey at the new P4P building. Photo by Mike Baker.

somebody get the next leg up and get started, to me it's a moral responsibility of mankind. It's just good for society as a whole to contribute."

P4P vice president Fay Martin said she's already connected with existing tenants.

"I have in my heart what this means to these people. They won't be dumped on the side of the road. They will continue to live where they've lived, many of them for several years, and at affordable rates," Martin said. "These tenants are all people who live and work in our community."

"We are inheriting incredibly affordable rents, which is very difficult to maintain because we don't have the deep pockets of developers... who in their right mind would do this? Nobody. But Places for People does because somebody has to," she added.

"But investing in real estate, we're taking on the crazy for-profit world to do what we can so people have access to housing they can afford," Martin added.

For more information, or to donate to P4P, visit [placesforpeople.ca](http://placesforpeople.ca), or contact [info@placesforpeople.ca](mailto:info@placesforpeople.ca).

## ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

### Launch a no-go

Algonquin Highlands council has decided against proceeding with a near \$670,000 project to deepen the public boat launch on Little Boshkung Lake.

The project was proposed as a potential solution for property owners on Twelve Mile, Boshkung, and Little Boshkung lakes after it was revealed Wedgewood RPM – the only marina with full-service boat launching capabilities in the area – was sold in the spring, with the new owners planning to repurpose the property.

It's left those with boats on the lake chain without an obvious way to remove them.

Chris Card, the township's parks,

recreation, and trails manager, said the only way to deepen the public launch would be to dredge out the site – using a barge and backhoe to remove sand up to 185-feet from the shore – and create a new web-shaped basin, hardened with aggregate and finished with a sloping concrete pad.

He said the township would need to complete an environmental assessment and engineering reports before proceeding, estimating the work would take approximately six months to complete.

"Without question, this is not a project we could pull off before winter," Card said. He noted the township would need to routinely dredge the area to maintain a deeper launch at an unknown cost.

Mayor Liz Daniels said the initial estimated cost of \$668,750 was "shocking."

While most councillors expressed sympathy for residents impacted, they felt the costs were too high to proceed.

Daniels said any solution should be a joint venture between Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills, given the issue affects residents of both townships.

Council opted to take no further action at the Little Boshkung Lake launch.

### Building rules

The township bolstered its building bylaw at the meeting.

Greg Moore, chief building official, tabled several changes to the document

– adding new definitions to clarify what work requires a building permit, outlining the process for online applications, and establishing set fines for bylaw violations.

Work now requiring a building permit includes any changes or additions to plumbing fixtures, replacing or upgrading vapour barrier/insulation, damp-proofing and repairing foundation drainage, upgrading or replacing primary heating systems, and any interior or exterior structural renovation.

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(*Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Mike Baker*).

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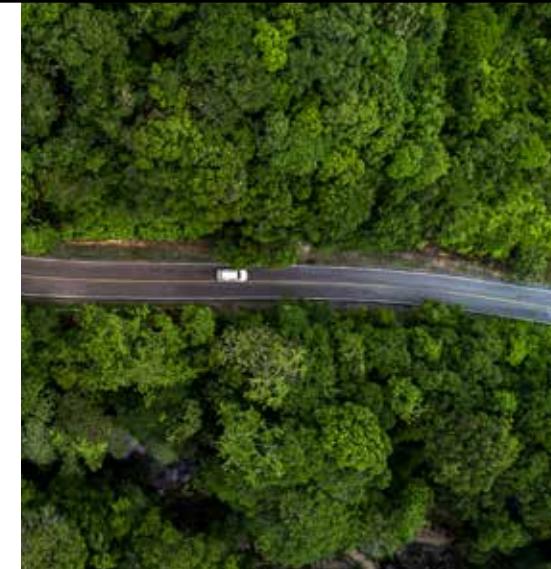
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# Highlands East union threatens strike action

By Lisa Gervais

CUPE members at the Municipality of Highlands East say they are closer to a strike after conciliation talks failed to reach an agreement.

Eric Bell, CUPE communications representative, said Local 4416 filed a request for a “no board” report, which could put the workers in a legal strike position by early July.

CUPE 4416 represents 30 members at the municipality, who work to maintain roads, provide clean water, run parks and recreation facilities, manage the landfill and keep administrative operations running.

“We have tried to reach an agreement with the employer, but unfortunately, they are still not willing to move away from unfair proposals and haven’t committed to addressing the serious concerns that we have with harassment and violence in the workplace,” said CUPE Local 4416 president Rick Huffman. “Our local is actively preparing for a strike, but we are hopeful that the employer will return to the table to negotiate a deal for members that is fair and equitable.”

The union said the employer has made unfair demands that would give them the ability to change workers’ hours and days of work with minimal notice.

“This is an unfair proposal that will make it impossible for our members to make plans outside of work,” Huffman said. “Imagine not knowing if you were going to be called in to be forced to work on Saturday, week after week, and not being able to make plans for your kids’ hockey trip, dance recital or

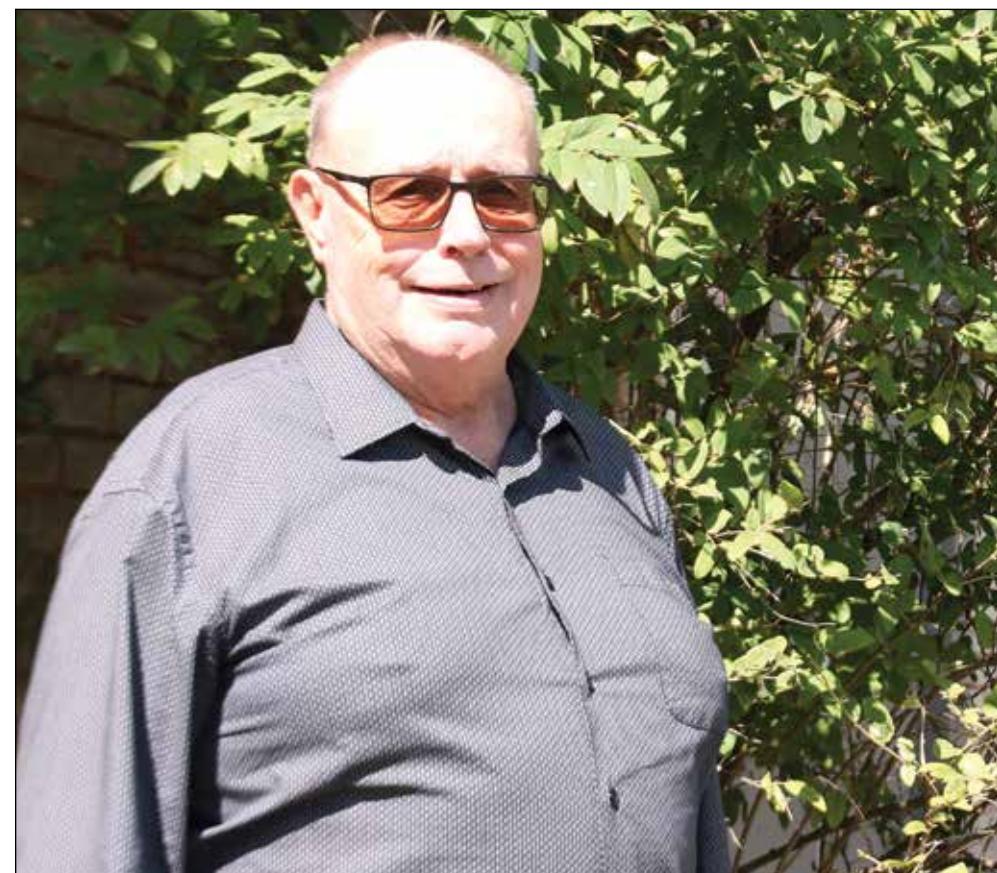
birthday party?”

The union said another issue is the continued incidences of workplace harassment and violence directed towards workers from management. “A recent independent investigation found multiple incidences of harassment and even violence by a manager to be true, but the municipality has done nothing to prevent further incidences. Harassment in the workplace has continued, and the municipality has refused to investigate new allegations. Municipal councillors have been informed and asked by the union to intervene but have not responded to multiple letters requesting they do so,” the union said.

“The continued harassment in the workplace from management towards our members is unacceptable, and needs to end,” Huffman said. “We need a commitment from the employer to ending workplace harassment and live up to their obligation to provide a safe workplace, and to negotiate a fair deal to avoid a strike.”

Mayor Dave Burton, on behalf of the municipality, said, “it is unfortunate that the union has chosen to make threats of strike rather than devoting their efforts to concluding a collective agreement. The municipality has made best efforts to reach a renewed collective agreement and has offered a monetary package that provides for significant wage increases and improvements to benefits for all employees, over a four-year period.” He added the offer is consistent with other recent municipal settlements in the County of Haliburton.

“The union has made a variety of allegations, some of which are the subject



Highlands East mayor Dave Burton has commented on the possible strike action.  
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

matter of grievances and are not part of the collective bargaining process,” Burton added. “The union has publicly raised this issue as a contributing factor to a potential strike but has not raised them at the bargaining table.

“The municipality will continue to make

best efforts to reach a renewed collective agreement in the interests of the public, who we serve. If the union decides to commence a strike, we expect to continue operations, as best we can, and will keep members of the public updated.”

## Sexual health clinics in the County

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR District Health Unit) has announced the availability of sexual health clinic appointments in the

County of Haliburton, held on the second Wednesday of every month from 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

The clinics are intended to provide essential sexual health services to the community, especially for those who do not have a primary health care provider. These clinics are staffed by physicians, nurses

and nurse practitioners to offer free and confidential clinical services for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities needing help with sexual health issues.

The clinics offer: birth control counselling, sexually transmitted disease assessment and testing, cervical cancer screening (PAP test), low-cost birth control, emergency

contraception, IUD consultation, insertion and removal and pregnancy testing and options counselling

Walk-in services are not available. To book an appointment visit [hkpr.on.ca/eBooking](http://hkpr.on.ca/eBooking) or call 1-866-888-4577 ext. 1205. (Lisa Gervais).

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### SUMMER DAY CAMP

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### MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

• The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is pleased to welcome back artist Michèle Karch-Ackerman with her new exhibit Flower Orphanage.

The exhibit is on display until August 17. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm. Visit the online calendar on our website for more info.

• The Minden Hills Museum, Heritage Village and Nature's Place are now open for the season Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm. Join us for daily tours and drop-in programs including Wildlife Crafts, June 27 from 3-4 pm; Toddler Discovery Zone, June 28 from 11 am - 12 pm and Hands-On Saturday, June 29 from 11 am - 12 pm.

• Follow the boardwalk to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to join us for some Canada Day Fun! Stop by the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village for guided tours and early settler games, explore hands-on activities and crafts at Nature's Place, and tour our new exhibit Flower Orphanage in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Rob Power, Master Magician, will be performing his amazing show in the Heritage Village from 11 am - 12 pm. Stop by for some delicious FREE ice cream sponsored by Kawartha Dairy from 12 - 1 pm (while supplies last). Admission is by donation. All are welcome!

For more information on all our programs and exhibits email [culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca](mailto:culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca) or call 705-286-3763.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- June 27 – Regular Council Meeting
- July 25 – Regular Council Meeting

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# Dysart gives 14 acres for new arts centre

By Mike Baker

After two years of searching, Dan Manley and the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation (HHACF) has secured a prime location for a new performance facility in the community.

It was announced June 25 that Dysart et al is gifting 14 acres along Wonderland Road, near the intersection to County Road 21, to the group. The deal includes a five-year window where HHACF has to prove work is proceeding, or the land will transfer back to the township.

"This is a momentous day for anyone involved in, or who enjoys the performing arts in Haliburton County," Manley told *The Highlander*. "Six years on from the inception of the foundation, finally having a home for a new facility is a huge game changer for us and really skyrockets this project forward."

Manley said HHACF approached Dysart council in January about the parcel – after being told the township would not consider donating any of the 91.5 acres on County Road 21, just outside the village, it bought last year.

He feels the location is the perfect spot for a future facility.

"It's a pretty big parcel of land – we'll be able to do everything we want there, it's a nice location being close to Haliburton village. We're really excited about the potential for what this could become," Manley said.

In November 2022, HHACF released details of an arts centre feasibility study, completed by consulting firm Janis A. Barlow and Associates, which determined the Highlands could support a facility with a capacity of between 300 and 400 people.

The estimated cost was approximately \$48 million, though the facility, once up and running, could be expected to generate approximately \$1.14 million annually for the local economy.

Manley said he'd like the centre to also include a rehearsal hall, professional backstage facilities, front of house lobby with concessions, music studios, and educational space.

HHACF is now working with Peterborough-based The Dennis Group to move the project forward. Manley said late summer and fall will be spent revisiting an old fundraising study to come up with a strategy to pay for the build. He says the group will be flexible and would consider removing certain elements of the project to bring costs down if necessary.

The foundation will be required to apply to rezone the land and will need to complete various studies before any work can begin. Manley said that process will begin imminently. A soft fundraising campaign will be launched in the winter, when HHACF will also begin with public consultation – to find out what locals want to see in the space.

"Then we'd retain an architecture and consulting team to help us redream the centre as per whatever our latest budget is," Manley said.

He expects a formal fundraising campaign to kick-off by summer 2025, with design finalized and submitted to the



township by the end of next year.

Manley hopes to break ground by the fourth quarter of 2029.

Appearing before council on Tuesday morning, Manley asked if Dysart would consider waiving approximately \$17,000 in rezoning and study fees – mayor Murray Fearrey said council would consider the request.

Fearrey felt this project would be a good thing for both Dysart residents and the wider County community.

"It's a fairly major project - they're convinced with the study they did that this is viable for Haliburton," Fearrey said.

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Boshkung Brewing is celebrating 10 years this July. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

## MINDEN HILLS NEWS

### Tenders awarded

Council gave the green light to director of public works, Mike Timmins, to purchase three new pick-up trucks at a June 13 public meeting.

Approved during budget talks, two of the vehicles are for public works, and one for the fire department.

The job is going to Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. for just over \$186,000.

Council also approved the tender for fire hydrant replacement, to CC Underground Utilities Inc., at an estimated cost of just over \$580,000. It's for approximately 20 hydrants along Hwy. 35.

Timmins said, "given the current state of the township's water system, this is an excellent opportunity to perform some much-needed upgrades. The installation of new fire hydrants improves the safety of all residents and the installation of the isolation valves will allow for better maintenance and fewer disruptions to water service."

He did note the tender is nearly \$230,000 over budget. However, the municipality has received more than 73 per cent of the cost in federal and provincial grant funding.

Timmins suggested dipping into the water and capital reserves.

Council also gave manager of waste facilities, Chelsea Cosh, the go-ahead to sign a contract with Ryse Solutions Inc. for hazardous and special product collection.

Ryse Solutions Inc. is a producer responsibility organization under the new hazardous and special products (HSP) regulation. Cosh said it establishes a collection and management system for certain HSP products, including nonrefillable pressurized containers and aerosols.

Cosh added the township will receive revenue for the material collected during household hazardous waste days as well as material collected year-round at the Scotch Line landfill.

### Fees and charges

Some fees and charges are going up in Minden Hills this summer.

Staffers Sherry Mulholland and Vicki Bull said the areas impacted are building, community services, planning and finance. The changes were advertised for three weeks and no members of the public spoke at a June 13 public meeting.

"The rationale for imposing the increase in fees is to cover costs associated with services provided," Mulholland and Bull said.

For example, council has increased building fees by 20 cents per square foot, as well as a \$50 jump in admin fee per permit. There are new fees, such as a \$150 license of occupation for short-term rentals on shore road allowances. The cost of internments is going up, and there are some changes for hall rentals, and recreation programs.

The full slate can be viewed via the township website.

### Snowdon Park conservation designation

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust asked, and received from council, approval to seek a conservation designation for Snowdon Park.

It means council supporting the HHLT in their grant submission to officially designate the park as a provincial area, or other effective area-based conservation measure.

Director of community services, Candace McGuigan, explained the Land Trust is working to protect the Highlands Corridor through their partners in conservation

program, as well as the Ontario government, to designate the Crown Land within the corridor a conservation reserve.

"Within the Highlands Corridor, Snowdon Park is one of the largest fens, has significant wetlands, supports species-at-risk, and is critical to enhancing habitat connectivity, maintaining biodiversity, and building climate change resilience," McGuigan said

### Boshkung turns 10

Council approved a partial request from Boshkung Brewing Co. Ltd. for its 10th anniversary event July 6.

The business asked for a partial road closure of Water Street, but councillors said it was simply too busy a Saturday in the village to consent to the request.

However, they did think a closure of St. Germaine Street was doable during the 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. party. The alternative was for Boshkung to hold its party in the fall and likely receive a Water Street partial closure then.

Council planned to go back to the craft brewery about alternatives. (*Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais*).

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# Social media impacting youth

By Lillie Qiu

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) has joined a lawsuit against social media giants, Meta, responsible for Facebook and Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok, citing disruptions to student education.

On June 11, there was a talk on youth mental health at the Haliburton Legion – specifically on how social media is impacting young people.

Mary Sisson, of Point in Time, led the talk and discussion period.

Sisson said, “getting a break from social media can give our brain a break from the stimulation, and reduces feelings of anxiety and irritability. I think what a lot of research has shown, is when we step away from social media, and all of the comparing that happens on social media, then we tend to feel better about ourselves.”

The school board is calling on the

social media companies to make their products safer for youth, as they have been intentionally designed for compulsive use, said Carolynne Bull, of TLDSB communications. The school board officially joined the lawsuit, along with other Ontario school boards, on May 29. TLDSB also cited disruptions to the education system as one of its reasons for the lawsuit.

Sisson talked about the COVID-19 pandemic and how that was a big disruption to youth mental health. A lot of youth went to their phones for connection during that time, Sisson said, and it just deepened their need to continue relying on social media for a quick hit.

David Gardner said he came out to the event because he has a newly-born grandchild, coming into a social media-crazed world.

“My wife is a high school teacher and is always talking about how so many youth are

addicted to social media now, and the harm that has been caused or the benefits of it,” he said.

The lawsuit is being filed by Neinstein LLP. It is asking the social media giants to compensate the school boards for disruption to their mandate as a board, to make their products safer, and to support the students’ fundamental right to education.

Sisson and the group at the Legion briefly touched on social media use in schools, and how the burden has shifted towards teachers to deal with the problem, rather than parents. They talked about the lawsuit and discussed the lack of transportation in rural areas to help with isolation.

“Not being as isolated is really important for everyone, not just youth, but for adults as well. Being able to access services and supports in your community, and employment. That’s where transportation is really important,” Sisson said.



## A Night of notes

Haliburton Rotary Music in the Park kicked off its summer season June 25 with a concert featuring Suzie Vinnick. Despite the rain, music lovers brought their lawn chairs and umbrellas to listen to the acclaimed roots and blues singer and guitarist. She is in town teaching at Haliburton School of Art and Design. The shows run Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the bandshell all summer long.

*Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

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# Here to support you



By Lisa Gervais

This week, high school and elementary students, faculty and staff – as well as parents, guardians, siblings, aunts and uncles and grandparents – are busy attending graduation ceremonies and clap-outs.

It's an exciting time of year. Not only does it mark the end of the school year, but the beginning of summer here in cottage country.

Starting today, we'll see thousands of seasonal residents return to their cottages for the Canada Day long weekend. There'll be a fair contingent of visitors, too.

We welcome them.

For those who have not read *The Highlander* from afar, it is timely to remind our seasonal residents and visitors of a few things.

Like all of Ontario, indeed Canada and the world, the cost of living has impacted Highlands' residents and businesses. While our accommodators, tourism providers, restaurants, and retailers generally head into summer with a jump in their step, this year sees them more nervous about what the season will hold. Even our usually buoyant real estate market is off to a slow start.

While we know you already contribute to the local economy via your tax bills, we do

encourage you to buy your groceries, alcohol and gas at local outlets. We ask you to patronize County restaurants, craft breweries, support tourism, and other service providers.

Many of you already know that Haliburton County shares the dubious distinction – along with Manitoulin Island – of being one of the poorest counties in Ontario. You'd

hardly guess that in the summer as the Teslas pepper the streets of Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce. However, the tale of the haves and have nots in our County has been a sad one for too many years. Some say we have invested too much in tourism, and the cottage industry, and not enough elsewhere. That may be true.

This weekend will feature a cornucopia of Canada Day events in which seasonal residents and visitors can get a taste of what Haliburton County's small communities are all about. In addition, Dorset is hosting its heritage days and arts and craft show on Saturday.

While out and about, have a close look at our main streets and storefronts. Ask yourself if you think they are thriving? Do they look

as prosperous as they did when you first arrived 10 years ago, or 20, or more?

In an age of online shopping, and access to big box retail stores, it's easy to order online or stock up on supplies before coming to the Highlands.

We have no doubt it would also be cheaper. However, for our towns to thrive – Haliburton, Minden, Wilberforce and all of those other hamlets, we need you to shop local.

Stop into Robinsons' General Store in Dorset and Agnew's in Wilberforce. Patronize the West Guilford and Eagle Lake country markets. Stop by the Lucky Dollar in Gooderham. Grab take away from the River Cone, or a scoop from Kawartha Dairy or Cool Licks. The list goes on and on. Each of our towns boast small businesses that will not only welcome your hard-earned dollars, but greet you with a smile and a friendly chat. You won't get that from Amazon or Costco.

Welcome back. We're here to support you, just as we know you're here to support us.



By Peter Ferri

## JOURNEYING TOGETHER

# Elder in my community

When am I an elder in my community? It's something I have been musing about for weeks. As a group of community members supporting seniors in our County, we have to come to terms with when this life marker happens?

A lot of us are over 60, yet a bit hesitant to commit to the term. The government considers us to be a senior when we turn 65. Some of us enjoy discount day at stores that have decided 55 is a good cut-off for this age group. Even though I fall into all of the above, hitting 70, there seems to be some hesitation to officially join this group and celebrate this coming to being at this time. I'm not sure if it's just me, or if, as a member of our society, it is not something most care to celebrate or share.

In my head, the voice recognizes itself at about the age of 20. It's an odd thing when you start to think about it. Last year, when I was supporting my mom through physical rehab, she said she was shocked her body wasn't responding the way she was willing it too, as she felt like she was still 20 in her head. I retorted back to her, "mom, so do I! You're 97 and I'm 70, it's about time our heads caught up with our bodies!"

Yet, in that statement, I found a pause.

And, still today, I'm not convinced that is the correct response to aging. I can't help but think this is an odd phenomenon. Is there something we are missing? Why is this so? Why do I still come from an age of 20ish in my head? Is it a common thing? When do you start to think of yourself as an elder? It doesn't seem to be related to your body, other than the way it looks to others, or the way we see ourselves. But that is different.

To consider yourself an elder is maybe different than just being old. I am wondering if it is a metacognitive issue, being cognizant of our own being and how we are interacting with our community. When I think of an elder I went to for advice from and interesting worldly conversations, there were two people, an uncle and aunt from my dad's family. So, what I'm suggesting is, when we engage in, and participate within, our own groups or larger community, from this age-long perspective, is when we may consider ourselves an elder. A senior is available and participates and contributes actively, and is respected within our families or groups that we participate within.

Since I have retired and become an active member of society, I can now think of myself as an elder. I am starting to embrace my

role as a senior and hopefully an elder of my community as I become more involved in the outer world I live inside of.

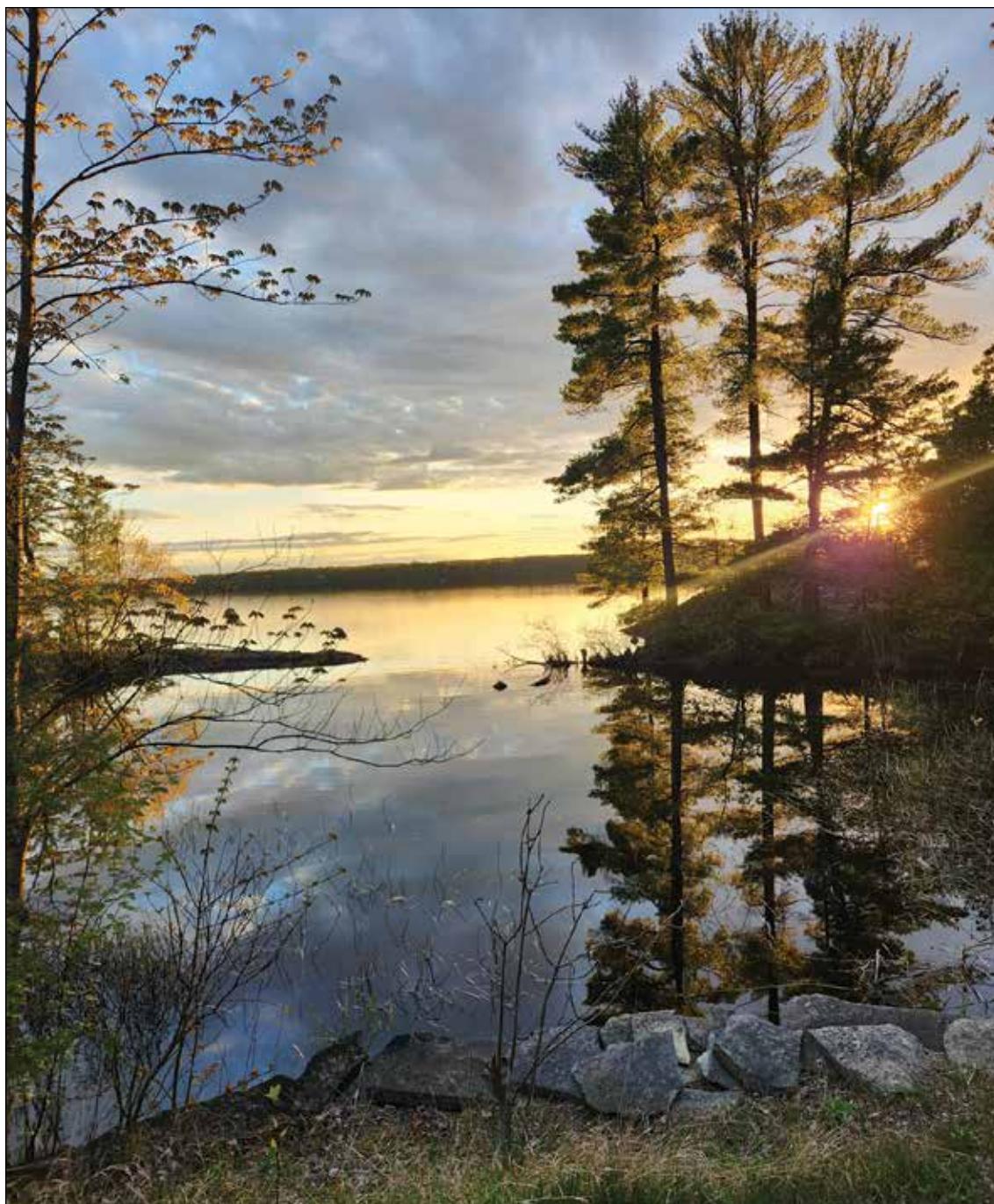
It's a very good feeling and provides a sense of pride and wellbeing knowing I am heard from that perspective. As a lifelong learner, and participant of one's own future, we start to understand the long circle of life and how as a person of many years under my belt, I continue to fit into this amazing journey and hope to continue contributing to others in a supportive role as we journey together.

Embracing senior living and the rewards that come from this stage of my life is very exciting. Now, we have to continue to break down age barriers, ageism that stops us from our continued growth and well-being throughout this important life stage. Sometimes it is going to have to start with yourself. How you perceive yourself will determine how others will relate to you. Let's get started and get involved. The community and the world need us. (Peter Ferri is a member of Aging Together as Community).

**Correction:** In the June 20 edition of *The Highlander*, in the story 'Howling at the loss of Luna the wolf', we said one of Luna's mates, Fang, died in fall 2023. Fang passed in 2017, while Luna's most recent mate, Piper, died last year. The story also stated Luna had two brothers survive her litter – a sister, Layla, also survived. We apologize for the error.

Have an opinion? Send your letters to [editor@thehighlander.ca](mailto:editor@thehighlander.ca) (300 words max)

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Jeffrey I. Halberstadt, took this photo at Four Mile Lake.

## HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

## Minden is home

By Susan Tromanhauser

In the summer of '63, when a high school friend suggested Eleanor Hall come to Minden for the weekend, she had never heard of the place. She never imagined for the next 60 years she would call Minden her home.

An introduction to her friend's friend on Minden's main street resulted in love at first sight, a whirlwind romance and a wedding the next January. Hall's friends were concerned, asking, "what are you going to do in that little town?" Hall was confident Minden was the place to be. After all, a bride goes with her husband. Hall, originally from Windsor, gave up her big city dreams and moved to small town Minden. Her husband also gave up plans of moving to England to work for Lloyd's of London and stayed in Minden with his bride to start a family.

Hall kept very busy in the little town of Minden. She became a mother of three children and eventually a book keeper in

the family business, Floyd Hall Insurance. Working daily in the office "was a calling" and she very much enjoyed the work. While her oldest son relocated to Woodstock, she is pleased her second son and only daughter are still in Minden, being the third generation to run the family business.

Hall says Minden was the ideal place to raise her children. They had lots of friends and Hall knew their friends and their families. She couldn't imagine raising children anywhere other than Minden. In the winter, Hall and her husband were also busy with the curling club. It was a fun activity as well as a great social life. She met so many friends, "everyone got along great as Minden is a very giving community."

When Hall's husband passed away a number of years ago, her sisters, still living in Windsor, assumed she would move "back home." Hall had no such intention as Minden is now her home where she, "has put down roots for 60 years." She is still very close

to her sisters but at the ages of 90 and 89, and Hall turning 88 in September, the days of driving back and forth are gone; but they still FaceTime twice a week. They love to attend the annual family golf tournament to keep in touch with extended family as it is "much better than attending a funeral" to see everyone.

Hall still lives independently in an apartment in the old Minden hospital. She loves it there as "everyone looks after everyone else." Each day she looks forward to meeting with her neighbours as "4 o'clock is wine time in the gazebo" where they share memories of past times in Minden. Hall notices the by-pass is much busier than ever and she laments the condition of the Rockcliffe Hotel and the old movie theatre, but she appreciates the addition of the River Walk and the walking bridge.

The thing that has never changed over 60 years? Minden is home.

## LETTERS

## Equality?

Dear editor,

*Re: Short-term renters (STRs) treated unequally, letter to the editor, June, 13.*

The STR licensing bylaws are flawed and they do not treat anybody equally.

The bylaws do not distinguish between occasional cottage rentals and the growing number of hotel-like STR commercial businesses. These bylaws do not limit number of licenses, number of days per year a property can be rented, in what zoning STRs are allowed, or include any exemptions for someone that only rents their cottage two weeks a year. The STR bylaw does not require that the use of a property as a STR conforms to the zoning bylaw (ZBL). These are all conditions included in other STR licensing bylaws.

If the STR licensing bylaw does not require a property to conform to a permitted use, will this allow all existing STRs to claim they are legal non-conforming uses and continue to operate indefinitely?

ZBL's define and list permitted uses. STRs are not defined and listed as a permitted use in local zoning bylaws.

For example, in Dysart ZBL "tourist establishments" are defined as temporary accommodation for the travelling or vacationing public and permitted in a commercial zone, while a 'dwelling' is a home or residence, not a STR business offering temporary accommodations. Bed and Breakfast establishments are defined and a permitted use in specific zones. Even backyard hens are defined and listed as a permitted use in some zones, but STRs are not. For more information,

see Good Neighbours Dysart – [goodneighboursdysart.ca](http://goodneighboursdysart.ca)

The municipalities claim they are trying to control the use of STRs by licensing them, but how do you license something that is not listed as a permitted use and may be operating illegally?

Will these STR bylaws have the effect of changing the permitted use on all our properties? Should the substantial changes to defined terms require official plan (OP) and ZBL amendments with public consultation, or will they be considered minor and just be slipped through?

Licensing can be good, if done correctly with OP, ZBL amendments and public consultation, otherwise there is no equality.

*Christine & Jim Legge  
Dysart/Toronto*

## Hats off to the Gordons

Dear editor,

I read the news about the Kosy changing hands with memories flooding back to the day we met owners Ann and Allen Gordon.

They became our first friends in Haliburton.

At a dinner in '11 they told us with excitement they bought the Kosy, to keep this strong thread in the community's fabric going - great food, great meeting place, and jobs.

They delivered. Hats off for the hard work, caring and dedication from these two generous people the last 13 years. The Kosy the Gordons built will be missed.

*Nancy Vonk  
Haliburton*



Eleanor Hall. Submitted.

# When one door closes another opens

By Lisa Gervais

The day Kyle Bradley left SolidState in Haliburton was the same day he walked into his new business – TechMedix – at 195 Highland St.

After leaving his former place of employment, he realized, “I’ve been doing this for so long around here, you kind of have to make a crack at this yourself, and here we are.”

That was last fall, and Bradley said it’s been going “really good” ever since.

He’s been into computers since childhood growing up in Toronto. He said his dad, Richard, had been involved with technology for years, including during the age of Commodore. Kyle said he wanted a computer around his first birthday.

“I think where things started turning was about Grade 5 for me, because I built a computer for school. We didn’t have computers all over the place. Not like today,” he said.

He said he didn’t get great marks because he didn’t actually make it. He put the components together.

He said based on his knowledge of computers, he got his first job by, “just being that geeky guy.” Bradley said he wasn’t hired after applying with a resume and having an interview. Rather, the boss said, “you know technology. I need to get my business up and running. We have to look at a website. So, ground floor access at 15, designing

logos for a business that had no branding, no anything.”

He recalls the man being a true mentor, showing him the “entrepreneurial bones of life. He showed me something from a very young age when I didn’t realize it.”

Bradley said it taught him to be somewhat of a jack of all trades but master of none. It’s served him well.

He said some of his customers have followed him, and he has gained new ones. He does computer sales, laptop sales, and upgrades. He provides servicing and support when issues arise. He said he has about half to more than half business clients and the rest public.

Bradley added his original intent was to work from home and go out to clients but a friend told him, “if you’re going to do this, you need an office space. That came together in a day. I picked up the keys for this place my last day working for SolidState so literally walked out of the door there and walked in over here.”

He still makes house calls and keeps an eye on pricing. Bradley works with Nicole Freeman, another former SolidState employee. She is the first point of contact while Bradley does sales, service and support.

“I want it at an accessible price. I understand the community we’re in. There are people that have money but that’s not the majority. Some days you’re going to take licks and other days you’re going to win.”

Asked about the challenge of keeping up



TechMedix owner Kyle Bradley at his office at 195 Highland St. surrounded by different computer cases. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

with technology, Bradley said there will always be new things, such as the current advancements in artificial intelligence, but it is actually easier to stay current than it was years ago.

“Technology doesn’t move as fast as it used to, when, if you bought a system today, in six months it would be obsolete. I remember those times. We’re not there anymore. Through COVID, it opened a lot of people’s eyes to how to stretch something because we went through that silicone shortage for computer chips.

“I had to go from ‘let’s sell you something’ to ‘we gotta’ get through this’... there’s lots of systems that I’ve seen that have come back to me that are 10 years old, that I’ve built, and still going happily.” However, he said he does have to break the news to customers that electronic components do wear out. He said many computers today have seven to eight year lives then need to be replaced.

TechMedix is at 195 Highland St., Haliburton, 705-306-2775, [info@techmedix.ca](mailto:info@techmedix.ca).



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# Gym to sweat it out in the downtown

By Mike Baker

Chelsea Adamson has been living her dream these past two years, building her Sweat Social Health and Fitness brand in the Highlands. She celebrates another milestone this weekend, unveiling a new gym space in the heart of Haliburton village.

Since launching fitness programming at the Wellness Hub on Industrial Park Road in 2022, Adamson has grown her “team” to approximately 50 people. Whether you’re a seasoned pro when it comes to weightlifting, powerlifting, CrossFit, and general training – or a novice – Sweat Social has you covered, Adamson said.

“This is a place for people who want to take fitness seriously – our classes are set up to progress you no matter where you’re starting out,” she said. “I want to turn this space into the most professional, well-rounded fitness facility you can get around here.”

The gym is located at the rear of 713 Mountain St., in the building beside the Haliburton Legion. Adamson said it has been custom designed, so while there’s only an extra 400 sq. ft. of floor space, it feels much bigger than the old facility.

Ten new pieces of equipment have been installed, including leg press, hack squat, and chest press machines. There’s 12 pieces of cardio equipment, including a stairmaster, airbikes, and rowing machines. A 14-by-six-foot steel training rig contains 10 pull up bars and four working stations for people to do

things such as barbell squats.

Adamson said there will be a range of free weights, dumbbells, kettlebells, medicine balls, plyo boxes and gymnastic rings. There’s a 200 sq. ft. space that will be used for small classes, such as the popular babies and barbells program for new moms. The gym space, with all the equipment, is approximately 1,300 sq. ft.

“I wanted to give people a facility where they can crush their fitness goals no matter how drastic they are, or whatever niche thing they’re into. If you’re a gymnast training for an upcoming event, we have apparatus for you. If you’re a bodybuilder preparing for a show, we have a top-of-the-line leg press and stairmaster,” Adamson said.

Monthly memberships are available, but Adamson said people will be able to purchase day passes. She thinks this could help attract vacationers and cottagers who want to keep up with training while away from home. Due to the location, she also thinks parents dropping off kids for hockey or dance could squeeze in a quick workout.

There will be familiar faces - John Watson, Nicole Mee, and Robyn Stehr will be back offering their expertise in bodybuilding, powerlifting, and CrossFit. Mee is also partnering with Adamson on programming to address the stigma around mental health and fitness. She hopes to open the gym on Sundays for newcomers just starting out.

She believes relocating to downtown Haliburton is the best move Sweat Social



Chelsea Adamson shows off the new Sweat Social Health and Fitness space in Haliburton village, pictured with partner Justin Abbs. Submitted by Danielle Meredith.

could make.

“Just the connections – I walked out to Castle for a coffee this morning and ran into a member. On my way back to the space, to show them what I’ve been up to, we ran into my bookkeeper who tagged along, then one of our coaches saw us so tagged along. It’s just so nice to be downtown – we’re more

accessible and feel like we’re more a part of the community,” she said.

The gym will be open Monday to Saturday, from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. A grand opening is taking place June 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, visit [sweatsocialfitness.com](http://sweatsocialfitness.com).

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# Haliburton High students feeling the blues

By Lillie Qiu

The Highlands Buckslide Blues Society held its high school competition throughout May and June – for music students to compete in the genre for a chance to win an all-expenses paid spot at the Grand River Blues Camp at the Kitchener Blues Festival.

The student musicians were judged in areas such as originality, content, vocals, instrumental and stage presence. The judges were Mark Riemenschneider, of the HBBS board, Rich Anton, a local harmonica player, and CanoeFM Blues radio show host, Judy Timgren, who sings and plays the guitar. They were joined by Penny Randall Mowbray, a host with CanoeFM, and another local musician on ukulele and guitar.

Austin Bacon finished first, and Viliya Ianovskaya second, while Lillie Fendley got an honourable mention.

What set the winners apart was “definitely their skill,” said Louise Ewing, chair of the HBBS.

“Austin also sang when he played, which is a really difficult thing to do, so we recognized that was more challenging than just singing or just playing,” said Ewing of Bacon’s first-place win.

Bacon said, “it means a lot to me [to win first place], because music’s had a big influence in my life. I’ve always loved music, and music’s been a big part of my life.”

Ianovskaya said, “I was very happy when I realized I got second place. I didn’t expect

it. I liked the competition. I had fun while participating in it. I love music. It gives me reassurance in my passion and my skills, and I want to pursue music in the future. So, it does mean quite a lot.”

Ewing added, “we’re all about encouraging youth into the genre so that it can continue on.”

The blues society promotes blues music culture, education, and supports youth and artists through venues and projects that unite blues societies worldwide.



Above: Austin Bacon performs at the Highlands Buckslide Blues Society high school competition at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Right: Viliya Ianovskaya sings the blues at a high school competition at the NLPAP. Submitted.



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# HSAD grads cut a rug in Peterborough

By Lisa Gervais

When Ayal Lesh decided to return to school at the age of 61 – to study blacksmithing of all things – he said his family and friends were surprised.

He said some of the responses included, “does blacksmithing still exist? So, you’ll be learning to make horseshoes? But you don’t have a tattoo. Does this mean you will be getting a tattoo? That would be very cool.”

Stepping through the big red doors at the Haliburton School of Art + Design in the fall of 2023, Lesh said he did so with trepidation and self-doubt. He was a mature student joining a physically-demanding certificate program, amid younger, and his opinion, more gifted artists.

However, he had been inspired by his daughter, an artist in her own right, to take the plunge. He reiterated he was “petrified” on day one, but took solace in the fact there were many mature students on campus in Haliburton. There was also a spirit of camaraderie amongst students, faculty and staff.

He said it was an honour to represent his fellow HSAD grads. “Many of you overcame significant life challenges to reach this milestone and all of you worked diligently, often putting in 70 to 75 hours each week... but we did it and we’re here today to celebrate our accomplishments, and we can be very proud.”

He added the moral to his story was for people to venture beyond their comfort

zones. “Don’t let fear of failing stop you.”

HSAD faculty member Juliette Arsenault said when Lesh arrived, “he quickly established himself as a natural leader on campus and encouraged fellow classmates from day one.”

She said he instigated Thanksgiving meals for students who could not go home; organized a pizza and movie night; and a collaborative project at the end-of-year exhibition for all programs. She added he personified Fleming’s values of collaboration, inclusiveness, responsiveness, innovation and accountability.

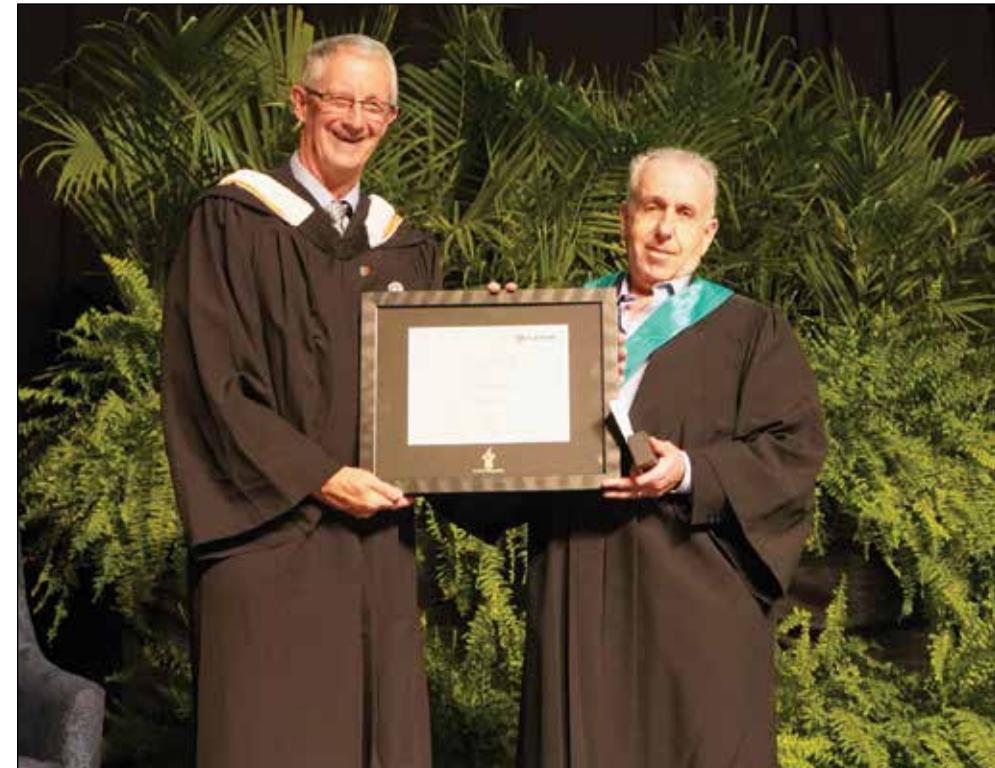
The HSAD graduates joined peers from the other two Fleming campus’ June 11 for the graduation ceremony in Peterborough.

In the 1980s and 1990s, Fleming College hosted convocation at the Peterborough Memorial Centre before moving it to the Sutherland, Frost and Haliburton campuses. Fleming decided to return to the Memorial Centre, “to ensure convocation was accessible and inclusive for everyone,” said college spokesperson Sarah Deeth.

A livestream of the event was (and still is) available on Fleming’s YouTube channel, allowing friends and family from around the world to join in the festivities.

“The virtual component ensured that everyone, regardless of location, could share in the pride and joy of convocation,” Deeth said.

She added, “Fleming College is proud of our graduates and their accomplishments.



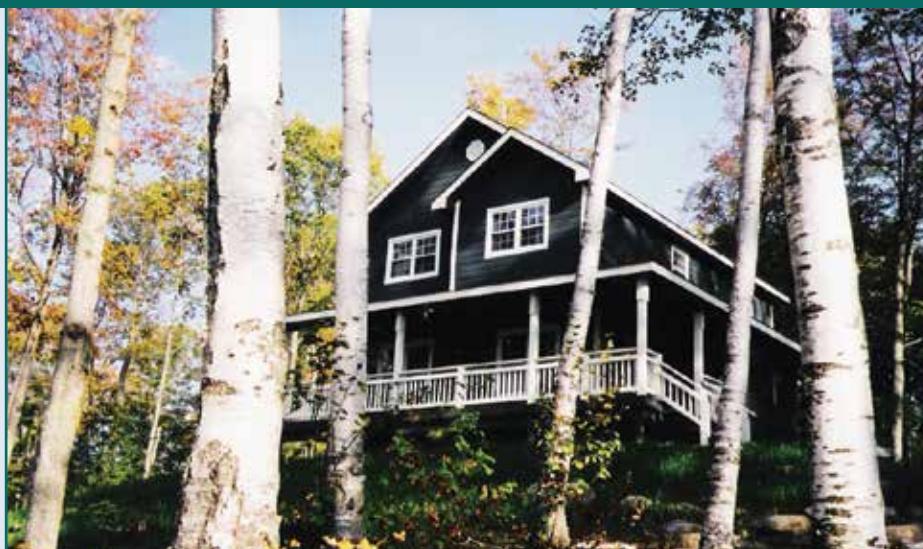
Ayal Lesh (right), pictured with board chair, Don Gillespie was the valedictorian for HSAD. Submitted.

These students are heading into the workforce ready to make meaningful impacts in their chosen careers and in the communities in which they will serve.

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# Coming out at 84... and finding community

By Lillie Qiu

John Middleton is happy Haliburton County is becoming more aware of resources available for gay people.

Middleton is the only gay person at Extendicare Haliburton that he knows of. He is in a wheelchair, and at 84 years old, needs to be helped to events.

On a recent warm sunny day, Middleton and a bunch of other seniors from the community came together at the SIRCH Bistro to talk about allyship, support one another, and boost visibility.

Middleton is a frequent attendee to events that Aging Together as Community (ATAC) puts on.

Peter Ferri, of ATAC, said "that was the intent, to come together socially, and get to know people, and to bring that group together to show a presence in the community."

Middleton was at first "reticent" about coming out at Extendicare, citing concerns about being ignored or left alone.

"I decided that 'hell, come what it may, I'm coming out,'" Middleton said. "I was surprised the majority of staff, and others, have been very accepting, because it's a non-issue for them." He added his goal in coming to the event was meeting new people.

Being in fellowship with others who identify as part of the same group boosts morale and gives people a sense of belonging, which promotes mental and physical health, and allows individuals to flourish in all aspects of their lives, according to the Belonging Project

at Stanford University.

Allan Guinan, the chair of Minden Pride, said the theme of the meeting was for everyone to help each other. He said it was also important to Minden Pride to help peers and seniors. Guinan himself wanted to support everyone in the community, including different age groups - youth and seniors.

Minden Pride is present at a lot of events throughout the County each year, including the Pride Festival in August. They have a community resources section on their website for people needing support.

"Over the eight years we've been doing this, we started out with more skeptics, maybe a little bit more hostility around the queer community, and eight years on, the fact that we're being invited to go to all the different county fairs and Canada Day celebrations and farmers' markets, makes people see the importance of being inclusive to everyone," Guinan said.

In terms of hosting the event, Gena Robertson, the executive director of SIRCH, said these types of events match their core values. "I think it extremely fits; our goal is to promote inclusivity and supports, and if we can do that in a very small way by offering space, I think we need to do that."

ATAC puts on social events for LGBTQ+ seniors and allies on the last Sunday of each month.

"I'm happy to see that people are willing to come out and not be afraid or ashamed of who they are. That's important," Middleton said.



John Middleton shakes hands with another attendee of the LGBTQ+ meetup hosted by ATAC. Photo by Lillie Qiu.

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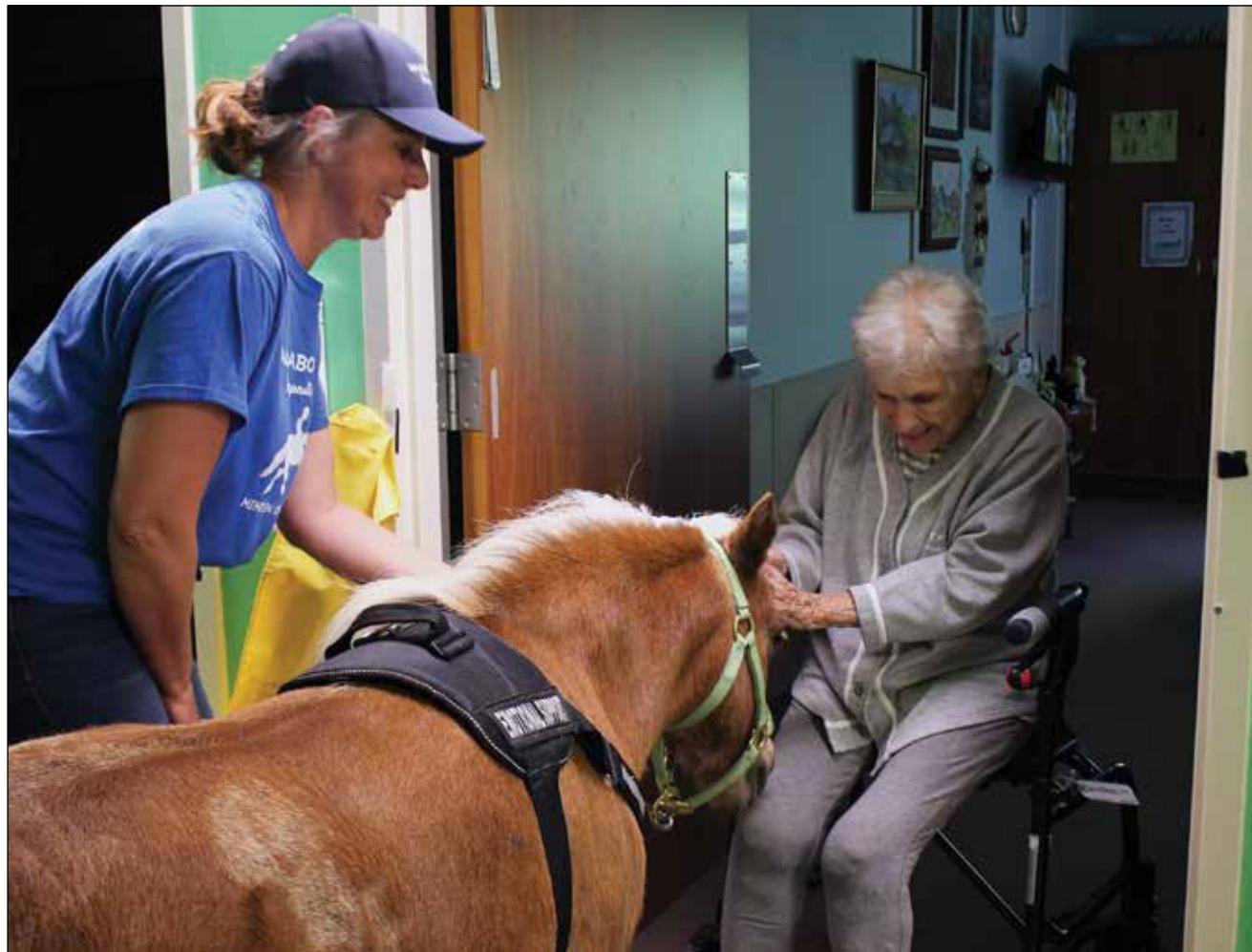
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Regis Doige gets a visit to her room from volunteer Aimee Bain and Sassy. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

## Horses lift mood at LTC

By Lisa Gervais

It's a stifling hot day as Jennifer Semach and volunteer Aimee Bain of Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association Inc. - and their therapy miniature horses, Sweet Pea and Sassy - travel to Hyland Crest Long-Term Care home in Minden.

The main doors open and the two handlers and their horses make their way to the lounge room where about a dozen residents, accompanied by staff, and some caregivers, are gathered. Semach carries a bucket and some cleaning equipment in the event of any horse messes.

One of the horses makes a beeline for Lorraine Patterson. It sticks to her like glue as she tells Bain how her daughter has ridden at the stables just outside of Minden. Bain says it's unusual behaviour as the horse "likes to say hello and move on."

Across the room, Semach tells the story of meeting a resident who told her he used to ride a horse to school, then simply let go of the bridle, and the horse would make its way home.

Resident Linda Kellett wants to know the horse's ages and is told Sweet Pea is 12 and Sassy 17.

As a horse makes its way to Donna Brown, it appears to be almost sleeping on its feet. It's been a hot day and the pair had not been in the paddock, perhaps causing the drowsiness. Semach gives the horse a mint, "a nice sugary snack" and it perks up. So much so that it nuzzles Semach's pocket for more, and at one-point leaves what she jokingly calls "a wet fart" on the floor. She bends to clean it up.

Semach then explains to Joan Chambers that the horses have had a bath for their visit. "We use Dawn dish soap. It's cheaper than horse shampoo." Chambers leans down and gives the horse a hug.

At one point, Bain takes one of the horses down the hallway to visit Regis Doige in her room. She and Semach and their equine friends then jump in the elevator to head to another floor. The two say the horses are fine with elevators.

The visit is all part of the new Recreational Equine

Assisted Participation or REAP program, Semach explained.

"In part, because there are higher barriers to participation in long-term care facilities, we are pleased to offer our mobile miniature horses," Semach said. They also visit Highland Wood and Extendicare, and accept visitors to their farm.

Semach said, "horses provide full sensory engagement and spark renewed interest in movement for even the most participant-reluctant residents."

Walkabout encourages the caregiver and staff to be on hand as "connecting with horses erases the hierarchy and puts both the caregiver and the non-ambulatory or cognitively-disabled person on the same playing field through an activity that can be shared together."

"These sessions also remind the caregiver that it's ok to find time for themselves, even while providing care for a loved one," Semach said.

She added that movement through grooming, leading, holding, hugging or petting activates the autonomic nervous system and releases endorphins brought about by the physical activity "thereby lifting the mood and contributing to a sense of well-being."

Haliburton Highlands Health Services life enrichment manager, Brittany Burton said Hyland Crest and Highland Wood "are so thankful to Jennifer for our regular visits from Walkabout horse farm."

"Sweet Pea and Sassy have been the highlight to our summer."

Burton said interest in the program far exceeds regular programming, "which attests to how valuable it is for our residents. We cannot thank them enough and we hope we are able to continue this program through good weather months for years to come." She added the residents can't wait to visit Sweet Pea and Sassy at their home this summer.

Walkabout is a registered charitable organization that facilitates fully inclusive therapeutic/adaptive horseback riding, equine experiential learning, equine assisted psychotherapy, and youth outreach initiatives. For more go to [walkaboutfarmtra.com](http://walkaboutfarmtra.com).



CFUW Haliburton Highlands members Marybeth Wilson, Diane Hagerman and Gail Gotter celebrate the group's 20th anniversary. *Submitted*.

## Women's group celebrates 20 years

By Mike Baker

It's been a big year for the Haliburton Highlands chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women, with the group recently celebrating its 20th anniversary and earning a provincial recruitment award.

Haliburton United Church hosted a birthday bash for the local chapter June 6, with dozens of women donning their Sunday best as they socialized and enjoyed treats provided by SIRCH Bistro. Presentations were made by Wendy Taylor, CFUW regional director, and Cheryl Grigg, looking back on two decades in the Highlands.

The Highlands group formed in 2004 as a way for like-minded women to come together, make new friends, and support the community. Cindy Vesey, incoming president, said its mandate is to encourage higher education for women and take an informed interest in public affairs.

"I've been involved for a couple of years now and this is a special group of ladies. CFUW is a community within the community committed wholly to improving the community," Vesey said.

Susan Keith, a member since 2014, said CFUW helped give her a purpose after she relocated to Haliburton County from the city. Not knowing anyone locally, Keith saw an ad for a CFUW event being held at Haliburton School of Art + Design (HSAD) and decided to attend.

"I had so much fun that I've been coming back ever since," Keith said.

Members meet for monthly meetings, while there's always lots for people to do through the dozen-plus interest groups and committees that host events weekly. Focuses include reading, card games, cooking, health and wellness, academia, the environment, sports, gardening, hiking, and fitness. Most take place in-person, but people can attend virtually – Vesey said this helps keep

snowbirds connected while they're away.

Outgoing president Susan Tromhauser said the Highlands chapter has seen a huge uptick in membership in recent years. Pre-pandemic, the group had around 40 members. As of press time, they had 92.

Taylor delivered a certificate on behalf of the CFUW Ontario council, recognizing the local group for recruiting more members than any other chapter in 2023.

"The word is getting out there – because we have so many committees and interest groups, people find something they're passionate about, make connections, and it sticks," Tromhauser said. "During the pandemic especially, our Zoom meetings were a great way for people to find that social interaction. That's how I got involved. I'm a COVID transplant from the city. I didn't have anyone to talk to or hang out with before reaching out and joining CFUW."

The Highlands group received \$500 for its recruitment efforts, which will be used to bolster its annual bursaries.

Each year, CFUW Haliburton Highlands awards a scholarship to graduating female Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and HSAD students pursuing further education. The bursaries have typically been \$500, but this year will be \$1,000.

Tromhauser said CFUW is a great way for women of any age to come together and make a difference in the community.

"The camaraderie is my favourite thing – we're like one big support system for one another. If someone is going through a tough time, dealing with an injury or an illness, other members will step up to help out," Tromhauser said. "But we also do a lot for the area. If anyone wants to hang out with a bunch of great, sociable, non-judgmental women that try new things with a 'can do' attitude, CFUW might be for you."

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"A trend in the past was to have large lawns and plants that might look great but in some way sit oddly within the surrounding landscape," he says. "It's a bit like putting Yonge Street in the middle of Algonquin Park."

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What does that mean in practice? Payn says there are two key elements: choosing native plants – that's plants that naturally grow here – and planting them in a way that mimics nature.

"Native plants already know how to cope with our climate and our soils," says Payn.

"If you match the right plant to the right conditions, it's likely you'll be on the way to making a successful landscape."

He adds that native plants also contribute to the place in which they live. "These plants help create habitat and provide food for all sorts of insects, birds and mammals.

"The result is a positive feedback loop, because the more nature you provide, the more nature comes."

The second key element, says the owner of Grounded, is to plant in a natural way.

"If you look at the typical suburban garden, you find plants in isolation, often surrounded by a sea of mulch," he says. "But if you look at

for example a natural shoreline, you'll find the plants are packed in closely, almost growing on top of each other."

Payn says he mimics natural areas by following three rules: planting densely, planting in layers, and creating a community.

"If I have a 100 sq ft garden, I would plant between 120 and 140 small plants. In a couple of years, the ground will be completely covered, meaning that the only plants you have there are plants you have chosen."

The Grounded owner says he plants a groundcover layer, which is often grasses or other low-growing plants, then a vignette layer, which is where you find the seasonal flowering plants, and

then a structure layer, which is made up of plants such as shrubs, which frame the scene and provide all sorts of ecological benefits.

Finally, Payn says he doesn't think of plants in isolation but rather as whole.

"There are all sorts of relationships between plants and animals we don't see and barely understand," he says. "To create a functioning ecosystem, we need to change our thinking away from separate organisms to a community."

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"This is a great opportunity to work with a blank canvas to create a landscape that really fits in with the Highlands," he says.

Payn says homeowners can make a choice: do they want to contribute to nature or do they want to stand separate from it?

"There's a growing realization that we cannot continue to ride roughshod over the natural world," he says. "We now know we have a duty to do our part, to contribute to a better planet for all of us."

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## Putting a lid on the new outdoor rink

Shiny and new is the look that Ward Memorial Park in Norland will be sporting in the very near future. A roof is being added over the ice rink that was put in just before the snowfall and welcomed skaters this past winter. Sherry Wessell, chair for Norland Recreational Centre volunteer management committee, said the new ice rink was put in last October. "When we decided to go ahead with the project, we raised enough funds for the excavating and cement last fall, and it was really well-used by kids from all over the area." She went on to explain that it really needed a roof. "So, we fundraised, and fundraised and were able to continue the build this spring." Along with some funding from government bodies, like the Ontario Trillium Foundation, many local businesses also made significant donations which helped the committee reach their goal. "So many local businesses were a huge help to us," said Wessell, "some very generous people in our small community, like Canadian Metal Buildings, Kodiak Connections, Harold Wessell Construction and Matt Doble who poured the concrete." The building should be completed shortly, and everyone is quite excited to see just what else it could be used for. "The building will not only be used for ice skating, but year-round for things like basketball, roller blading, maybe even tennis down the road," said Wessell.

Above: Sherry Wessell, chair for Norland Recreational Centre volunteer management. Top right: The new building to be finished before the end of June. Right: Builders from Mason Metals continue to work on the roof.  
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### In the name of Mabel

The 129th Haliburton Legion army cadets handed out their first-ever Mabel Brannigan award at their annual ceremony June 11. Olivia Humphries was handed the award in recognition of her character, leadership and community service. "Everything else that she does, the cadets model, and everything else that she does for the community," said Mike Waller, the president of the Legion. The Mabel Brannigan Award is a bursary presented to a cadet in honour of Second World War veteran and historian Mabel Brannigan, who passed away last year. The cadets were involved in various activities during the 2023-24 year and received recognition for their achievements. Army cadets develop abilities using a map and compass, GPS technology, orienteering, and First Aid, among other activities.

Olivia Humphries receives her Mabel Brannigan award. *Submitted.*

### Wilberforce library turns 10

The Wilberforce branch of the Haliburton County Public Library celebrated its 10th anniversary June 22. There were plants for attendees to pot and take home, cupcakes to celebrate the milestone, and coffee and tea. Librarians Carol Lee and Liz Perry welcomed people from the community to celebrate.

Librarians Carol Lee and Liz Perry hold up a watering can and cupcakes, respectively, during the Wilberforce library's 10th anniversary celebration. *Photo by Lillie Qiu.*







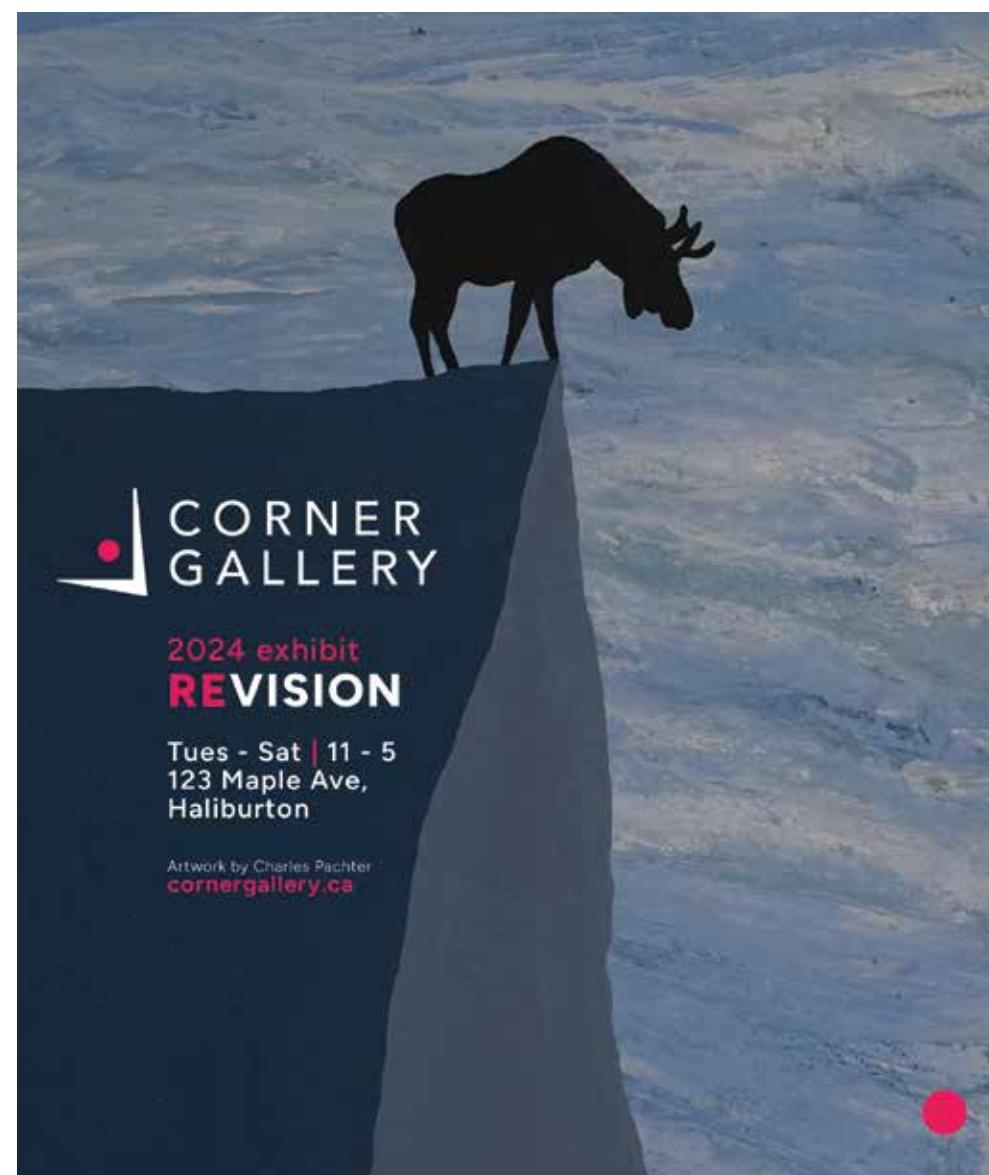
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Boshkung Social - live music, 6 - 9 p.m.

### Saturday June 29

Rockcliffe - live music - Stoned Robins

Dominion Hotel - live music - Gord Kidd and Friends, 6 p.m.

Mulligans Pub & Patio - live music - Bill Black

### Sunday June 30

Dominion Hotel - live music - Chris Smith, 5 p.m.

Boshkung Social - live music, 12 - 3 p.m.

Bonnieview Dockside Patio - live music  
Woody Woodburn, 1 - 4 p.m.

### Monday July 1

Boshkung Social - live music,  
11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### Tuesday July 2

Haliburton Rotary - Music in the Park  
Shannon Butcher, 6:30 p.m.

Dominion Hotel - Gary and  
The Rough Ideas, 5 p.m.

Boshkung Social - CanoeFM Bingo, 6 p.m.

### Tuesday July 3

Boshkung Smokehouse - Jam Session,  
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Joel leaves behind his cherished legacy as a devoted father to his two girls; Rylie and Marlee, and his two boys Owen and Josiah, and Joel is also survived by his wife Sarah, by his mother Arlene Edwards and by his father Eric Edwards. His commitment to his children was unwavering, and his love for them knew no bounds. They were the light of his life, and his memory will forever be a guiding beacon in their journey.

Though his time with us was too brief, Joel's passion for music was infectious. Whether strumming his guitar, tapping his foot to a beat, or simply sharing his favourite tunes with friends and family, he found solace and joy in the melodies that filled his soul.

In the wake of his passing, we are reminded of the importance of reaching out to those we love, of listening with empathy, and of offering our support without reservation. Let us honour Joel's memory by carrying his spirit of kindness, compassion, and love forward in our lives. Joel may no longer walk beside us, but his memory will continue to echo in the song, the laughter we share, and the love we hold in our hearts.

Though he has left this world too soon, his legacy will endure, a testament to the beauty and power of life lived with passion and purpose. Rest in peace, Joel. You will be dearly missed, but your spirit will live on in the hearts of those who loved you.

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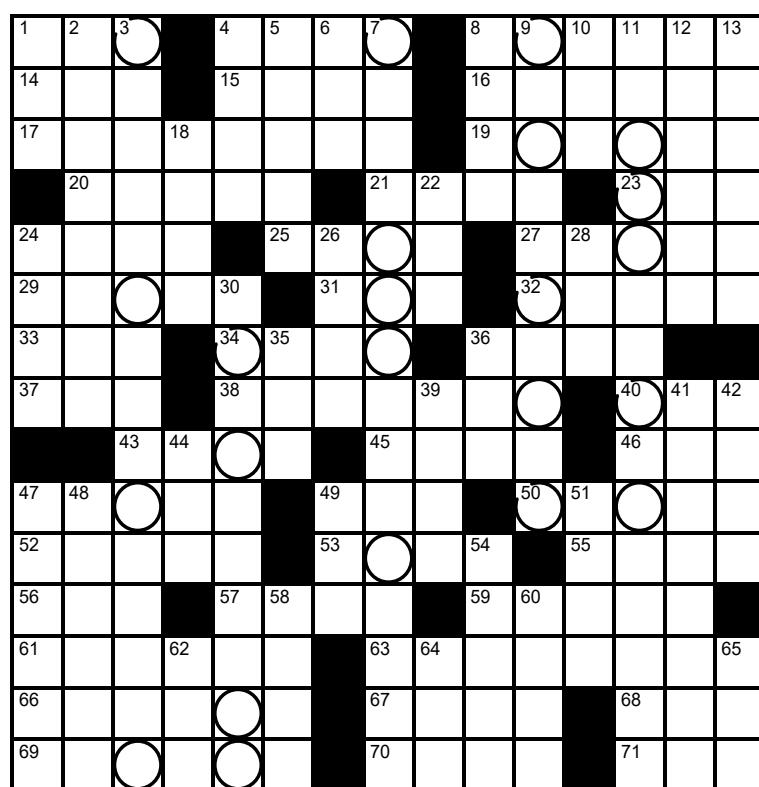
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## Across

- 1 Tour guide's handout
- 4 "Say, that's not \_\_\_ idea"
- 8 Has figured out
- 14 Pared down, as a dict.
- 15 Section of town, in slang
- 16 Line to the World Trade Center
- 17 Isn't true to
- 19 Quit working, in a way
- 20 Blender brand
- 21 Weekend worker's unlikely cry
- 23 La Biche or La Hache
- 24 Scottish dialect
- 25 "The Man Who Mistook his Wife for \_\_\_" (Oliver Sacks book)
- 27 Abba brunette
- 29 Toaster tray bit
- 31 Suffix with pay or crap
- 32 \_\_\_ circle (close associates)
- 33 That lady there
- 34 "Do I dare to \_\_\_ peach?": T.S. Eliot
- 36 Pride letters
- 37 Dedicated poem
- 38 Having the top squad
- 40 Where to watch "Barry"
- 43 U.S.S.R., in Russia
- 45 Pop duo Tegan and \_\_\_
- 46 Place for a bud or a plug
- 47 Breakthrough for a 6-month old?
- 49 Repair
- 50 Almanac entries
- 52 Survey option trio
- 53 Kazakhstan's continent
- 55 Christmas chortle
- 56 Tick off
- 57 Heloise offering
- 59 Bad take?
- 61 '80s-'90s Olds models
- 63 For kicks and giggles
- 66 Smack, in drug jargon
- 67 Twice-monthly tide
- 68 The Everly Brothers' "When Will \_\_\_ Loved?"
- 69 Coin-op instruction
- 70 Gentle throw
- 71 State of Sydney, Aus.



## Down

- 1 Fort \_\_\_ (Alberta oil city, casually)
- 2 Found despicable
- 3 Airtight pots or tense situations
- 4 Up the \_\_\_
- 5 Port of southern Iraq
- 6 Blood-typing syst.
- 7 Root canal prep person
- 8 Yesterday: It.
- 9 Tennis champ and wife of Andre Agassi
- 10 Meal morsel
- 11 Failure's fate sealer, metaphorically
- 12 Speech that's "unleashed"
- 13 Modest garage size
- 18 "Up and \_\_\_ sleepyhead!"
- 22 7,124 sq. km. Ontario zone
- 24 Back talk?
- 26 "The \_\_\_ Baltimore" (play set in a lobby)
- 28 Beyoncé or Usher's genre
- 30 Seat in the sand
- 35 Where Heidi gets high
- 36 White-handed gibbon
- 39 Bar-goer's ride, maybe
- 41 Rubber duckies' "ponds"
- 42 Guesstimation words
- 44 Midpoint: Abbr.
- 47 Meditative martial art
- 48 Late night's Conan
- 49 Geisha's accessory
- 51 "Two owls and \_\_\_ ...": E. Lear
- 54 Muscleman Charles
- 58 "\_\_\_ it wonderful!"
- 60 Where holsters hang
- 62 \_\_\_ v. Wade
- 64 Singer Sayer
- 65 Just out

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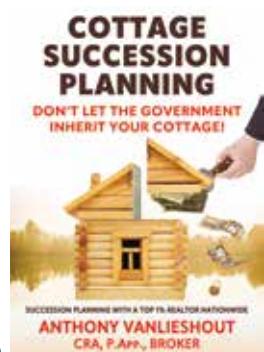
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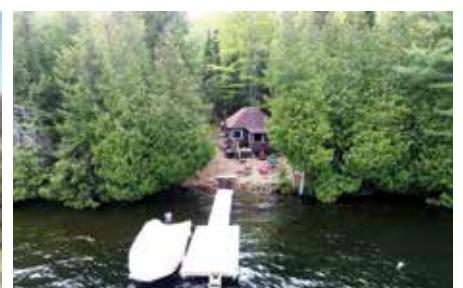
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## Happy Canada Day

Children and their families and friends gather along the Gull River in downtown Minden for the annual Canada Day fish derby. See inside for July 1 events across the Highlands. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

# County readies to celebrate Canada Day

All four County townships are poised to party with Canada Day festivities this coming weekend.

## Dysart et al

Celebrations return to the West Guilford Recreation Centre, in Dysart et al, this year after a hiatus.

The day kicks off at 9 a.m. with registration for the horseshoe tournament. At 10 a.m., people can sign up for the Pine Lake swim.

Things really heat up at 1 p.m. with opening ceremonies. There will be the singing of O Canada, best red and white, best decorated bike, and Pine Lake swim winner awards.

At 2 p.m., it's time for field races and tug of war. The water races are a go for 3 p.m. And at 4 p.m., there's the nail drive and crosscut competitions.

After all of that activity, folks will be ready for a roast beef dinner from 5 p.m., with other slated events including the announcements of the pie contest winner, youngest boy and girl, oldest man and woman, most descendants, and horseshoe champions.

## Minden Hills

Minden Hills has its usual full day of events, kicking off with registration for the highly-popular kids' fishing derby at 7:30 a.m. for ages 14 and under. The derby itself begins at 8 a.m. and participants are required to wear life jackets. The kids and their parents and guardians have until 11 a.m. for the fishing derby weigh in. As usual, there will be an impressive array of prizes thanks to sponsors.

Those who are not dropping a line can

take part in the minnow races, sponsored by the Minden Legion, from 8 a.m.

The opening ceremonies for this day-long event are at 10:15 a.m.

From 1-2 p.m., master magician, Rob Power, will be strolling around the downtown.

Over at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, people can tour the museum and heritage village, Nature's Place, and the Agnes Jamieson Gallery from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Air Bounce Inflatables will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Power will be there from 11 a.m. to noon, and there'll be free ice cream, courtesy of Kawartha Dairy from noon to 1 p.m.

The township is asking people to bring refillable water bottles as there will be a water buggy on site.

The fireworks are in the evening.

## Highlands East

Highlands East is always a hive of activity on Canada Day with activities in five of its villages.

Cardiff starts the party, from 9-11 a.m. with breakfast at the Cardiff Legion at 2733 Monck Rd. It's \$5 per adult.

The action shifts to Highland Grove, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Kidd School House Museum, at 5373 Loop Rd. There will be children's crafts, local entertainment, horseshoes and BBQ. The museum will be open.

Wilberforce joins the party at 11:30 a.m., at the Red Cross Outpost Museum, 2314 Loop Rd. There'll be a flag-raising ceremony at 11:30 a.m. with live entertainment followed by sandwiches and cake. From noon to 3 p.m., people are encouraged to play games at the curling club.



Classic cars will be out in force for Canada's birthday. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

In Tory Hill, from 1-4 p.m., at the corner of Hwy. 118 and County Road 503, there'll be live music featuring Phil O'Reilly in the park and stories of local history. Bring your lawn chair.

And, finally, those in Gooderham can head to the community centre from 3-10:30 p.m. for children's activities, face-painting, a clown, cake, BBQ, and Irondale display. Live entertainment

featuring The Recycled Teenagers starts at 7 p.m. and the fireworks at about 10 p.m.

## Algonquin Highlands

The township hosts a party at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Live music, face-painting, photo booth, a bike giveaway, pizza, BBQ, etc.

(Compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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### Come rain or shine

The truck pull and show and shine took centre stage at the Minden Fairgrounds June 22. It was the Kinsmen Club of Minden's 35th annual event, which also featured classic vehicles on show and kids ATV drag racing. The Kinsmen Club is dedicated to volunteering and being of service to the community. The truck pull first started in 1987 with the show and shine attracting participants from all over the province. People from around the County and out-of-town walked around the fairgrounds to inspect and admire classic vehicles and have their kids participate in the ATV drag races. Christa Rickard, an organizer with the Kinsmen Club, said, "overall, with the weather, I think we did very well." The proceeds from the event go right back to the community and the Cystic Fibrosis foundation.

Above: Hayes Coy and Marshall Smith at the beginning of the kids' power wheel race. Right: Marshall Smith won second place at the kids ATV drag race. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*



**Downtown Minden 10:00am-2:00pm**

**7:30am:** Fishing Derby Registration Starts  
**8:00am:** Fishing Derby Begins  
**10:00am-2:00pm:** Vendors and Exhibitors  
**10:15am:** Opening Ceremonies  
**10:30am:** Fashion Show  
**11:00am:** Last call for Fishing Derby Weigh-in  
**11:00am:** FREE Canada Day Cupcakes at the Community Service Department tent \*while supplies last  
**1:00pm-2:00pm:** Rob Power, Master Magician strolling performance

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**Cultural Centre 10:00am-4:00pm**

**10:00am-4:00pm:** Activities throughout the day  
**10:00am-2:00pm:** Air Bounce Inflatables  
**11:00am-12:00pm:** Rob Power, Master Magician performance  
**12:00pm – 1:00pm:** FREE Ice Cream, sponsored by Kawartha Dairy \*while supplies last

**Fairgrounds:**  
 Dusk: Fireworks by Supernova



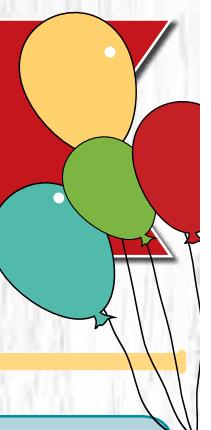
### Brooksong festival kicks off challenge

The Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre featured an afternoon of musicians as part of its festival day – and to launch its biggest Haliburton Highlands Challenge ever – June 23. The challenge runs until the end of September, encouraging people to get outside and be active, while raising money to help cancer patients and their caregivers attend retreats. Participants can sign up as teams, or individuals, and pledge ‘to move’ between July 1 and Sept. 30. Barb Smith-Morrison, the executive director of Brooksong, said, “the Brooksong name is taken from two brooks on either side of the property, and it also is rooted in the reality that so many of the participants who come to our programs have songs to sing or stories to tell, and cancer can derail them. Cancer changes us and it changes our story. Our desire is to give people an opportunity to tell their story, to reshape their story, and have it witnessed by a loving community.” The event also featured face painting, a photo booth, lemonade stand and food for purchase.

Left: Barb Smith-Morrison, the executive director of the Brooksong Cancer Retreat Centre, talks to the crowd to open the event. Above: Charlotte Houghton, Campbell Adlam and Raelyn Adlam operate the lemonade stand at the Brooksong Festival Day. Donations were accepted at the stand. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*

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### Hospital history in Wilberforce

The Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Museum opened its 2024 season June 22. Visitors came to learn about the outpost hospital that served the community from 1922 to 1963, now a museum. It is a historically-significant site as it was a private residence until the Canadian Red Cross took it over in 1922 and turned it into a hospital. The nurses that came to work were from Toronto and elsewhere and stayed on-site, often working past their scope of practice. It was made a national historic site of Canada in 2003. Barb Schofield and Linda Cameron gave tours and mentioned the history of the nurses who worked there. Alfred Schofield, Barb's great uncle, was a Children's Aid Society inspector, who, in the early 1920s, discovered a lot of moms were dying in childbirth, specifically due to a lack of medical resources. It was Alfred who got the Red Cross involved in the area.

Above: Linda Ladd points to the nurses on the wall of the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Museum while giving a tour of the museum June 22. Right: Barb Schofield, the secretary of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild, stands in the doorway to the kitchen of the historic museum. Photos by Lillie Qiu.





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**HIGHLAND GROVE** Noon - 3:00 pm, Kidd School House Museum, 5373 Loop Road Children's crafts, local entertainment, horseshoes and BBQ. Museum will be open.

**WILBERFORCE** 11:30 am, Red Cross Outpost Museum 2314 Loop Road Raising the flag ceremony live music followed by sandwiches & cake. Games at the curling club.

**TORY HILL** 1 pm -4 pm, Hwy 118 & Cnty Rd 503 Live music featuring Phil O'Reilly in the park and stories of local history. Bring your lawn chair.

**GOODERHAM** 3:00 pm - 10:30 pm, Community Centre 1043 Community Centre Rd. Children's activities, face painting, clown, cake, BBQ, and Irondale display. Live entertainment starts at 7 pm. Fireworks start at about 10 pm.

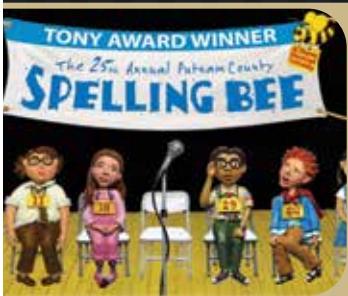


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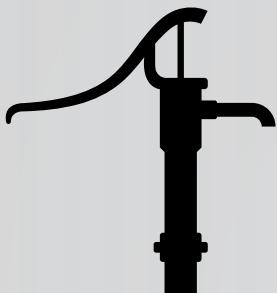
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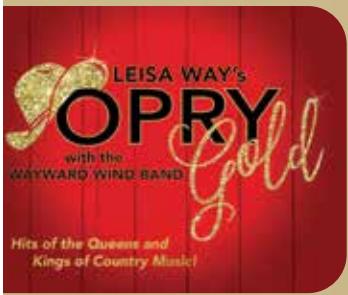
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**Teeing off for Water Ambassadors Canada**

The Water Ambassadors Canada (WAC) annual golf tournament at the Pinestones June 20 raised more than \$43,000 for the charity, organizer Ursula Devolin said. She added the organizers will get that money, "into the field to help change lives with clean water." She noted the 100 golfers learned about what a chlorinator can do on the ninth hole halfway hut from John Beachli of Rotary. There were many opportunities for golfers to win prizes through games across the course. Adam DeCarlo, Kody Smith, Kolt Smith, and Jordan Joaun took home the Golden Pump Trophy this year. Barry Hart founded WAC with wife, Heather, after learning that a lack of clean water is the world's largest cause of death and disease. To learn about other ways WAC provides clean water, go to [waterambassadorscanada.org](http://waterambassadorscanada.org) and follow them on social media to see regular updates.

Top: Linda Baumgartner, Rosemarie Jung, Marylou Mizzan and Karen Wood. Middle: Connor Linton lines up a putt on the 18th hole. Above: Nick Falco, Kevin Cooper, Jason Horsley and Hudson Horsley. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

## EVENTS

**June 29, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

The Stanhope Museum opens for the season. New exhibits this year include: local summer camp history, featuring Camp Kawabi and Big Hawk Lake; the settlement of Maple Lake; and a refresh to the historic log chute model. Located at 1123 North Shore Rd. Open Wednesday to Saturdays in July and August, from, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**June 29, 4 to 6:30 p.m.**

Strawberry supper at Highland Grove Community Centre, 5373 Loop Rd. Cold plate - turkey, beef, ham, variety of salads, and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Adults \$15, children five to 10 years \$8. All proceeds to benefit the Highland Grove Historical Society.

**July 2, 10 a.m.**

Join us for a free guided walking tour in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. Meet at the kiosk in the Haliburton School of Art + Design parking lot. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tours are held rain or shine and can take up to two hours. Tours are happening every Tuesday in July and August and are free, though donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, visit haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

**July 2, 7 p.m.**

The Minden and District Horticultural Society, at the Minden Community Centre, presents guest speaker, Sheila Ziman, about making unique baskets using materials from the garden and nature. This will be followed by the monthly society meeting. The junior members program, for children in Grade 2 and higher, will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. at the cultural centre. This month's meeting will feature a pollinator field study and plant pressing.

**July 6, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Dysart et al is hosting its third annual New to You Community Yard Sale in the parking

lot of A.J. LaRue Arena. There are 35 spaces for households to sell gently-used items. Preference will be given to households from Dysart. Registration is \$30. Participants are responsible for providing their own tables, chairs, and cash float. Register online at dysartetal.ca/newtouyou.

**July 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library are holding a summer book sale at the Dysart branch. Don't forget to bring a reusable bag. Payment is by cash donation and all money raised supports library branches throughout the County.

**July 11, 5 p.m.**

Join us for the third presentation in the Community Heritage Series at Minden Hills Cultural Centre - 'Railroad Days in Haliburton County', presented by Janet Trull. Learn about the early settlers of Haliburton County and the impact of the Victoria railway line. Admission is by donation, no pre-registration required.

**July 12**

The Minden Health Care Auxiliary is hosting its annual tag day event - volunteers will be outside various businesses in Minden accepting donations from the public. Money raised will support programming at Hyland Crest Long-Term Care, the Minden Urgent Care Clinic, and HHHS Community Support Services. Every donation helps.

**July 13**

Community yard sale hosted by the North Entrance Masonic Lodge. At 20 George St. in Haliburton. Rent a spot and sell your stuff, rentals available for \$15. Space is limited. Bring your own table. For more information, contact Rob Parish at 705-935-1921, or email robparish707@yahoo.ca.

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

**Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129  
Haliburton weekly activities**

**Mondays:** Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Rm.  
**Tuesdays:** League darts 7 p.m.

**Wednesdays:** Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall. Bingo is back, featuring a brand new machine. There's a \$1,000 jackpot on the first Wednesday of the month.

**Thursdays:** General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

**Fridays:** Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.

**Saturdays:** 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each, available in the Clubroom.

**Clubroom hours:** Mon 3-6 p.m., Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

The Legion's mandate is to help veterans, assist with their mental and physical health and social wellbeing, provide a feeling of togetherness and combat isolation. All are welcome to attend our events.

**Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519  
Coboconk**

**Second Monday of the month:** General meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesdays:** Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.

**First Wednesday of the month:** Big Buck Bid Euchre from 11 a.m. \$15 per person.

**Saturdays:** Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127

**Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D.  
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**Monday - Thursday:** Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' Tuesday.

**Friday** Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.

**Saturday** all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11 a.m.

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Monday: Euchre 1-3 p.m. Rug Hookers every second week.

Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

**Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624  
Wilberforce**

**Wednesdays:** Open 2 to 6 p.m. Fun darts at 2 p.m. All are welcome

**Thursdays:** Open 2 to 10 p.m. Horseshoes at 7 p.m.

**July 5 and 19:** Wings 5 to 8 p.m., jam session to follow. Open 2 to 9 p.m.

**July 6 and 20:** Open 2 to 6 p.m. Meat draw at 3 p.m.

**July 11 and 25:** HHHS social recreation, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**July 12 and 26:** Fish and chips 5 to 8 p.m. Diners club

**July 13:** Karaoke, open 2 to 11 p.m.

**Upcoming event:** July 27, Uncle Bob's Fishing Derby. Call or drop in, to register in advance.

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**August 15 & 17** | 7:30-9:30pm

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**PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN EVENTS:****'WHY CHOOSE OPERA?'**

**Monday, July 29** | 7:30-8:45pm

Abbey Gardens, Haliburton

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**Saturday, August 10** | 6:00-7:00pm

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**Monday, August 12** | 7:30-8:45pm

St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton

A mix of songs in a relaxed atmosphere

**CONCERTS****'OPERA TO BROADWAY'**

**Thursday, August 1**

7:30-9:00pm | St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton

**'POP GOES THE OPERA!'**

**Wednesday, August 7**

7:30-9:00pm | Abbey Gardens Performance Tent

**'HOMECOMING: HOS ALUMNI IN CONCERT'**

**Monday, August 19**

7:30-9:00pm | St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton

**PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN EVENT****'CELEBRATING POP TO OPERA!'**

**Friday, August 16** | 7:30-9:00pm

Northern Lights Pavilion, Haliburton

Featuring INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED artists, LAUREN MARGISON, Soprano (Canada), NILS WANDERER, Counter-tenor (Germany), and JENNIFER SZETO, piano (Canada) performing their favourite music across all genres! NOT TO BE MISSED!! Please give generously and support our professional artists.



# HAPPY Canada DAY



## 2023 BENNINGTON 22 SVSR TRIPLE TOON



Yamaha F115, express 3rd pontoon, hydraulic steering, tilt steering, ski bar.

**\$57,995\***

**Savings of \$6,500**

## 2023 MONTEREY M22



Mercruiser 4.5 250 HP, Bravo III drive, wakeboard tower, Bimini top, tonneau & bow cover, GPS Chartplotter.

**\$84,995 + tax**

**Savings of \$41,000**

## 2023 MONTEREY 224FS



Mercruiser 4.5 250 HP, tonneau & bow cover, Bimini top, depth sounder, snap in woven flooring.

**\$79,495 + tax**

**Savings of \$18,700**

## 2024 STINGRAY 191 DC

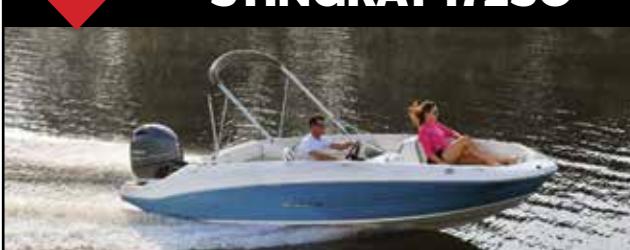


Yamaha VF115X, tonneau and bow cover, ski bar, hydraulic steering, stereo, Bimini top.

with 15% down, OAC

**\$266 BiWeekly**

## 2024 STINGRAY 172SC



Yamaha F90, Bimini top, tonneau cover, hydraulic steering with tilt wheel, ski bar.

with 15% down, OAC

**\$214 BiWeekly**

## 2024 BENNINGTON 20 SV SWINGBACK



Yamaha F90, ski bar, rear lounge seat, table, double buckets.

with 15% down, OAC

**\$218 BiWeekly**

## 2024 STINGRAY 173 CC



Yamaha F90 hp, console cover, leaning post, hydraulic steering, ski bar.

with 15% down, OAC

**\$216 BiWeekly**

## ALUMACRAFT ESCAPE 165 SC



Yamaha F50, Shorelander trailer, travel cover, 2 seats.

\*OAC with \$5000 down, 7.99% over 180 months

**\$140 BiWeekly\***

## YAMAHA VX CRUISER



**2.99%**

1049 cc, 3 cylinder TR-1 high output, cover included + 2 extra years warranty at no charge.

\*OAC with \$5000 down over 36 months.

**\$227 BiWeekly\***

\*Freight, PDI, taxes extra

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